


# 1 Message Maker Installation

Double-click on the installer's icon to run the self-installing executable to unpack and install the Message Maker software bundle. Then follow the instructions the installer provides—they are self-explanatory. Upon successful completion, you should see the Message Maker icon  (in the *maker* directory under your chosen install directory) and the desktop short-cut icon if you requested one. When done with the installation, you can delete the download file to recover disk space.

**Troubleshooting:** Installer won't execute.

The *installer* may not execute if the jar file does not have the proper file type association. One instance where this may occur is when you upgrade your java SDK version. First check to see that the *installer* is an *executable jar file* by examining its properties. If it is and still doesn't work, ensure that the proper execution instructions are associated with the file type. Below gives the steps for Windows 2000. Similar steps apply for other versions of Windows, including Windows XP.

In the *Window's File Explorer*, select the “**Folders Option ...**” item from the “**Tools**” menu. Then select the “**File Types**” tab. Check to see if there is a “*JAR*” extension with an “*Executable Jar File*” File Type in this list.

If it is not present:

§ Select “**New**” and enter “*Jar*” for the file extension.

§ Select the “**Advanced**” button and enter “*Executable Jar File*” in the text field at the top of the dialog

§ Select “**New**”. Enter “*Open*” under Action: and enter “*C:\j2sdk1.5.0\_06\bin\javaw.exe -jar "%1" %\**” (or the location of the *javaw* executable on your system) under “**Application used to perform action**”

§ check the “**Use DDE**” box and enter the following in the text fields:

**DDE Message:**

**Application:** *javaw*

**DDE Application:**

**Topic:** *System*

If it is present:

§ Confirm that it “Open withs” *javaw*. If not, select the **Change** button to launch the “**Open With**” dialog. Choose “**Other**” and navigate to the location of your Java installation (e.g., *C:\j2sdk1.5.0\_06\bin*) and then select “*javaw*”.

§ Select “**Advanced**” and enter the string “*Executable Jar File*” in the text field at the top of the dialog.

§ Under the “**Actions**” box, enter “*Open*” and make sure the “*Confirm open after download box*” is checked.

§ Select “**Edit**” and enter the for these fields:

**Action:** Open

**Application used to perform action:** C:\j2sdk1.5.0\_06\bin\javaw.exe -jar "%1" %\*

**Use DDE:** (confirm this box is checked)

**DDE Message:**

**Application:** javaw

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